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Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know how much is spent in purchasing the slides for the magic lanterns, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" It depends upon the size."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" Average size, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know how many different types of slides they are having, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Several types."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" What is the cost of the type of slides used in these lanterns ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Industries

Opening of a spinning factory in the Presidency.

* 1840 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government intend to start a spinning factory anywhere in the Presidency ;

(*b*) whether the Government Industrial department has made any investigations with regard to the suitability of sites for the said purpose at Bezwada, Tuticorin and other places ;

(*c*) at what stage the proposal now is ; and

(*d*) whether the said investigations have been carried on in order that the Government itself may start a spinning factory or to give financial assistance to any private firm or on behalf of any private firm that proposes to start a spinning factory and, if so, which is the private firm ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no such intention at present.

(*b*) The Department of Industries in 1921 instituted inquiries as to the scope for the setting up of additional cotton mills in this Presidency and as to the most suitable centres of such mills, but with no practical result. Recently a private firm has evinced interest in the matter of establishing additional mills at suitable centres and has approached the department for certain information and data in this regard.

(*c*) The question is still under the consideration of the firm, whose enquiries, it is understood, are still proceeding.

(*d*) As already stated in answer to clause (*a*), the Government do not intend to start a spinning mill. No application for financial assistance in regard to the starting of a mill has been received. The enquiries recently made by the department have been with a view to supplying the particulars required by the firm referred to above. Government do not consider it desirable to disclose the name of the firm who have specially requested that their investigation should, at this stage, be regarded as confidential.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know what is meant by cotton mills, Sir? Are they spinning mills or ginning mills ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Spinning mills."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Which is the firm that wanted the assistance of the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I think it can be understood from the answer."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether it is an Indian firm or non-Indian firm ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I am not at present able to say."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know whether there are already spinning mills working in the Presidency ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" There are, I think."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Can the hon. Minister give the number of such mills, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I will furnish the information, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know the place where this mill is proposed to be started ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I cannot say anything at present."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" So far as the enquiry went, where was it intended to locate the mill ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The enquiry covered the whole province."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know the name of the firm, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" As I have already stated, I am not in a position to give the name of the firm."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know how many mills they propose to start ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Nothing has been settled."

Mr. K. R KARANT .—" In connexion with the enquiry mentioned in clause (*b*), may I know whether the Government have ascertained the number of spinning mills working in the Presidency ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" They have."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know how many there are ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I will give that information later on."

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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"With reference to (*b*), may I know whether Nandyal was considered as a suitable centre?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"Will the Government deny, Sir, that at least there are 20 mills in this Presidency?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"The Government do not deny at all."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"Does the hon. Minister not know the existence of mills at Perambur, etc.?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"I know."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu:—"May I know whether this investigation that is going on *sub rosa* is in the interests of this Presidency?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu:—"If so, why this secrecy about it?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"We have got to keep the thing confidential for sometime for fear of competition. We are trying to oblige them that is all."

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"May I know why Government should bother themselves with this enquiry? There are so many mills already."

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"For supplying information."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"Will the Government give an undertaking that nothing by way of profits will be given to this company before placing the matter before this House?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know what the approximate cost of the enquiry made on behalf of this firm is likely to be?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"I cannot say."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"I am asking about the cost of the investigation made on behalf of the company now?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"No cost at all."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao:—"Are they going to start a spinning mill or mills?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"I am sorry I cannot say all this now."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"Is it in the interests of the Presidency that they do not want to disclose even the names of the partners of the firm?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Everything for the present is confidential."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar:—"Do the Government want to have the whole thing under gosha?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"We are under a moral obligation to keep the thing confidential for some time."

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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know the circumstances under which the Government put themselves under a moral obligation of this kind and refuse to give any information whatever when they are spending the taxpayers' money in making enquiries on behalf of the firm ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Government are not spending any money. They are only supplying information."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the enquiries referred to here are made by the department without any cost ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I suppose the establishment that is doing this work is paid by the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Everything is done by the office itself."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" But the officers appointed and paid by this Government are spending their time and energy on this matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" As a matter of fact, anybody can ask for information. In this case it is a company that is seeking information."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Could not the Director of Industries refer these gentlemen to other firms in the Presidency for the information they want ? "

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. Minister why he finds himself morally compelled to keep this secret ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Mostly to avoid competition."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister will at least send a copy of the question or whatever it is on which information is wanted, to me or our European colleagues here ? I myself would be ready to give every information."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is argumentative."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to give me or other Members interested in spinning mills a copy of the points on which information is wanted ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It is not necessary."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I only want the Government . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The Government have refused."

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I said that it is not necessary."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of saving the time and energy of its officers in collecting information of this kind by sending this questionnaire to people who know these matters ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Hereafter."

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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" From to-day ? "

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether any mill owner from Bombay approached the Government for help in opening a number of mills in Madura, Tuticorin and other districts and whether the Government will help in that matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM :—" May I ask whether E. D. Susail & Co. of Bombay applied to this Government for information regarding starting mills in this presidency ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :— " I cannot say, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II

ADJOURNMENT MOTION REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE CHIEF PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE.

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Mr. Satyamurti has given notice of a motion for adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance. Before I give my consent I wish to know whether the Law Member has got any reasons why my consent should be withheld."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I submit that it is not a matter of urgency at all."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That will be considered. I have first of all to give my consent. After my consent is given the hon. Member, Mr. Satyamurti, will obtain the leave of the House. After the motion is made I have to consider the question whether it is in order or not. These are the three stages. In the first sta e I wish to know whether there are any reasons why my consent should not be given to the hon. Member."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is left entirely in your discretion, Sir."

11-30 a.m. * Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I beg to move that the business of the Council be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the conduct of the Chief Presidency Magistrate as revealed in the judgment of the High Court pronounced yesterday in connexion with Collett's case."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have now to settle the question whether the motion is in order or not. Before doing so I wish to know from the hon. the Law Member whether he has got any objection."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I submit that it is not in order. So far as this adjournment motion is concerned there is no urgency about it, and urgency is one of the necessary ingredients in an adjournment motion. The judgment has been pronounced and I do not know what urgency there is about it now. Whatever the consequences of the judgment may be the Government will consider them in due course. I submit therfore that there is no urgency about this motion."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Before the judgment the Government say 'sub-judice', and after the judgment they say 'there is no urgency about it, because the judgment has been pronounced'." (Loud laughter.)